

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 200503

22

ORIGIN SSO-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

DRAFTED BY S/S-O: KAUFMANN

APPROVED BY S/S-O: MACK

DESIRED DISTRIBUTION

1 COPY FOR S/S-O

----- 111963

O 130830Z AUG 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO JCS IMMEDIATE

SECDEF IMMEDIATE

CIA IMMEDIATE

WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 200503

LIMDIS-DOD HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR SECDEF

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SISMIIK AT THE UN: GREEK MAXIMUMS AND MINIMUMS

EMBASSY ATHENS BELIEVES THE GOG WILL SEEK IN NEW YORK A
"BEST CASE" RESOLUTION WHICH:

--CALLS UPON THE TURKS TO WITHDRAW SISMIIK FROM DIS-
PUTED AREAS; AND

--ENDORSES THE GREEK DESIRE TO TAKE THE DISPUTE TO THE
ICJ DURING OR AFTER THE RESUMPTION OF DIRECT TALKS.

ADMITTING SUCH AN OUTCOME IS UNLIKELY, INFLUENTIAL GREEKS
BELIEVE THE GOG MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT SOMETHING LESS, E.G.
AN APPEAL TO BOTH SIDES TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS WHILE RESUM-

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 200503

ING DIRECT TALKS, PLUS AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE ICJ INITIATIVE.

SHOULD THE GOT RESIST SUCH A RESOLUTION, EMBASSY ATHENS SUGGESTS EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES OF A DECLARATION THAT:

--BOTH SIDES HAVE A RIGHT TO CONDUCT SEISMIC RESEARCH IN THE AEGEAN.

--SUCH ACTIVITIES HAVE NO EFFECT ON LEGAL CLAIMS.

--RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH SHOULD BE PUBLISHED OR SHARED.

THE EMBASSY CANNOT SAY WHETHER SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD MEET THE GOG'S MINIMUM NEEDS BUT BELIEVES WE MUST WORK OUT SOME SUCH COMPROMISE OR SUFFER THE INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCES. (SECRET) ATHENS 8310, 8/12.)

2. PRC: TANGSHAN QUAKE WILL HAVE ECONOMIC AFTERSHOCKS

CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG PREDICTS THAT THE JULY 28 TANGSHAN EARTHQUAKE, HITTING AN AREA ACCOUNTING FOR 10 PER CENT OF PRC INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT, WILL HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CHINESE ECONOMY. THE CONSULATE NOTES:

--TANGSHAN'S KAILUAN COAL COMPLEX, CHINA'S LARGEST, PROBABLY SUFFERED HEAVY DAMAGE.

--DAMAGE TO TANGSHAN'S ELECTRICAL GRID SHOULD SERIOUSLY SLOW INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IN PEKING AND TIENTSIN.

--THE REPORTED CLOSURE OF TIENTSIN PORT, CHINA'S SECOND LARGEST, WILL TAX AN ALREADY OVERBURDENED INTERNAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND HAMPER FOREIGN TRADE.

CONSULATE COMMENT: WHILE CHINA HAS SHOWN REMARKABLE RESILIENCY IN COPING WITH NATURAL DISASTERS IN THE PAST, THE MAGNITUDE OF THE DISASTER AND ITS LOCATION IN THE HEART OF CHINA'S INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX WILL INEVITABLY FURTHER TAX PRC RESOURCES. THIS MAY FORCE SOME HARD DECISIONS ON POLICY MAKERS AT A TIME WHEN CHINA'S LEADERSHIP IS IN A POOR
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 200503

POSITION TO ACT DECISIVELY. (SECRET) HONG KONG 9521, 8/12.)

3. SOMOZA ON HUMAN RIGHTS: SITTING TIGHT

DURING A TWO-HOUR INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR THEBERGE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN NICARAGUA, SOMOZA:

--SAID ANTI-SOMOZA GROUPS IN THE US AND COMMUNISTS

WERE MAKING NICARAGUA A "TEST CASE" OF THEIR ABILITY TO FORCE CHANGES IN US ADMINISTRATION POLICY;

--VIEWED HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS AS A NATURAL RESULT OF THE COUNTER-INSURGENCY CAMPAIGN AND GAVE PRECEDENCE TO INTERNAL PACIFICATION;

--APPEARED ILL-INFORMED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS CRITICISM; AND

--DID NOT SHOW PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT NICARAGUA'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. (SECRET) MANAGUA 3798, 8/12.)

4. SPAIN: MAPPING THE ROAD TOWARD DEMOCRACY

INFORMATION MINISTER REGUERA DISCUSSED SPAIN'S PLANS FOR DEMOCRATIZATION WITH AMBASSADOR STABLER AUGUST 11. HE NOTED:

--THE GOVERNMENT CAN COMPLETE A PROGRAM OF DEMOCRATIC REFORM AND CONDUCT ELECTIONS BY UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE, PERHAPS BY NEXT APRIL.

--AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD DRAFT A SERIES OF FAIRLY SIMPLE REFERENDUM QUESTIONS AND THEN, ASSUMING THEY WIN STRONG POPULAR SUPPORT, IMPLEMENT THE CHANGES BY DECREE.

--LEGALIZATION OF THE COMMUNISTS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE APPROVED EVEN BY A NEW CORTES.

--POLITICAL FORMATIONS WOULD INCLUDE A CHRISTIAN DEMO-
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 04 STATE 200503

CRATIC CENTER, A SOCIALIST LEFT AND A "NATIONAL MOVEMENT" RIGHT; ALL OTHERS WOULD BE INSIGNIFICANT. (CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 6169, 8/11.)

5. PORTUGAL: EANES SHUFFLES CARDS, STRENGTHENS HAND

THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, DECLARING REGIONAL MILITARY COMMANDERS COULD NO LONGER REMAIN ON THE COUNCIL, ANNOUNCED SEVERAL PERSONNEL SHIFTS IN PORTUGAL'S POLITICO-MILITARY STRUCTURE:

--TWO LEFTISTS UNPALATABLE TO ARMY RIGHT-WINGERS GAVE UP THEIR REGIONAL COMMANDS, KEY JOBS IN THE PRESENT STRUCTURE, TO REMAIN ON THE RC.

--TWO RIGHTISTS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE ARMY LEFT WERE NAMED MINISTERS TO MADEIRA AND THE AZORES, AND ARE THUS OUT OF THE PICTURE.

--LISBON'S LEFTIST COMMANDER, TRUSTED BY EANES, WILL BECOME MILITARY GOVERNOR BUT NONETHELESS REMAIN ON THE COUNCIL.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THESE CHANGES WILL DEPEND ON WHO IS NAMED TO THE VACANCIES. AT THIS POINT IT LOOKS AS IF EANES, WITH POLITICAL SKILL AND SENSITIVITY, HAS STRENGTHENED HIS AND THE MODERATES' CONTROL WHILE AT THE SAME TIME NOT UNDULY UPSETTING THE LEFT OR THE RIGHT. (SECRET) LISBON 5504, 8/12.)

6. RABIN PLEASED WITH US-ISRAELI RELATIONS

SPEAKING TO 100 ISRAEL BOND LEADERS FROM THE US, PRIME MINISTER RABIN CHARACTERIZED ISRAEL'S RELATIONS WITH THE US AS BEING AT THEIR PEAK: "WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A SOLID BASE OF FRIENDSHIP, REGARDLESS OF WHO WINS THE ELECTION." HE CAUTIONED THAT US AID WAS NOT "IN THE POCKET" AND HARD WORK WAS NEEDED TO ASSURE ITS CONTINUATION. (UNCLASSIFIED) TEL AVIV 5536, 8/12.) KISSINGER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MORNING SUMMARY
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: coburnhl
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE200503
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: O: KAUFMANN
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760311-0953
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760855/aaaabvpb.tel
Line Count: 192
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN SSO
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: coburnhl
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 MAR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <01 MAR 2004 by GarlanWA>; APPROVED <25 AUG 2004 by coburnhl>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS
TAGS: PFOR, PLOS, SWEL, ECON, PGOV, PINT, SHUM, GR, TU, CH, NU, SP, PO, US, IS, UN
To: JCS DOD CIA MULTIPLE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006